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Definitions of family

- "Family is the **foundation** of everything" (Kaloustian, 2002, *apud* Diniz *et al.*, 2007, p.1).
- Murdock (1949) "Family is a social group characterized by common residence, economic cooperation and reproduction. It includes adults of both sexes, at least two of whom maintain a socially approved sexual relationship, and one or more children, own or adopted, of the sexually cohabiting adults" (p. 26).
- Family was used as synonym with core family but nowadays many other forms of family exist (Georgas et al., 2006)
- Popenoe (1988) stated that the minimal family composition is one adult and one dependent person, that parents do not have to be of both sexes and that the couple does not have to be married.

Family in famous paintings (1)



Heemskerck (1530) Portrait of Gentleman and His Family

Family in famous paintings (2)



Rubens (1615) The Family of Jean Brueghel the Elder

Family in famous paintings (3)



Reynold (1773) George Clive and His Family With an Indian Maid

Family in famous paintings (4)



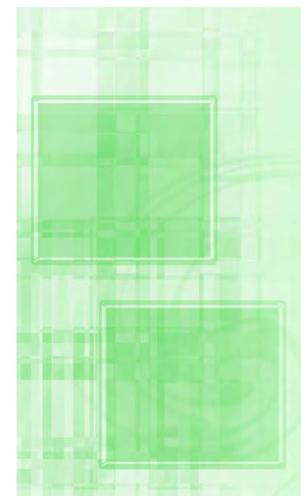
Degas (1859) The Bellelli Family

Family in the social context

- (Mihailescu, 2000) even the word "family" has become ambiguous, as it describes different realities for each generation
- Kornblum & Smith (1988) describe the change of family functions

	Function	Type of society		
		Traditional	Modern	
		(less differentiated)	(more differentiated)	
1000	Communication	Family, clan	Mass-media	
MEDIA .	Production	Family groups	Economic institutions	
	Distribution	Extended family	Market Institutions	
Social functions		Local markets		
	Protection	Family, village, tribe	Family, army, police, welfare,	
	(instrumental and		medical assistance	
	emotional)		institutions	
	Reproduction	Family	Family, school, religious	
Contract of the Contract of th	(biological and social)		institutions, other cultural	
			institutions	
	Social control	Family	Family, religion, state	
			institutions	

Family in the Romanian context Rapid urbanization had as a consequence the migration of people from villages to towns (Mitrofan & Ciuperca, 1998) The most predominant type of family evolved from the multigenerational family to the core family (Mitrofan & Mitrofan, 1994) Romanian people are still very emotionally attached to the concept of family: family is first in the hierarchy of values and is one of the fields that offer complete satisfaction (Robu, 2008). The main changes that appeared are related to family structure, children, marriage and divorce



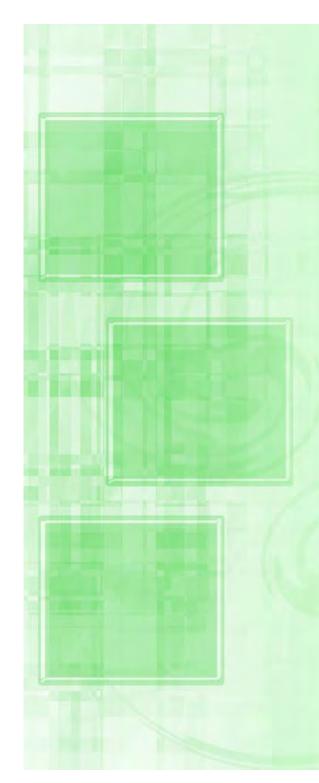
Family in the Romanian context Family structure

- Change of mentality after the Revolution, people started to be more individualistic (Ghebrea, 2000).
- A process of separation started in 1989 and in 1992, over 68% of families were core families
- Towns started to become more and more attractive, offering better jobs
- The multigenerational family that is characteristic for the rural environment started to be less and less common (Mitrofan & Mitrofan, 1994)

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
No. of	691,803	185,459	186,172	144,994	149,712	148,333	152,585	144,034	132,472

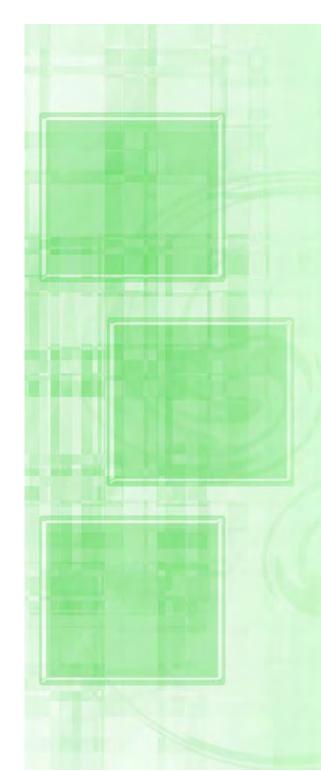
Table 2

Migration of the Population from Rural to Urban Environments, Romanian Statistical Yearbook 2009, p. 53



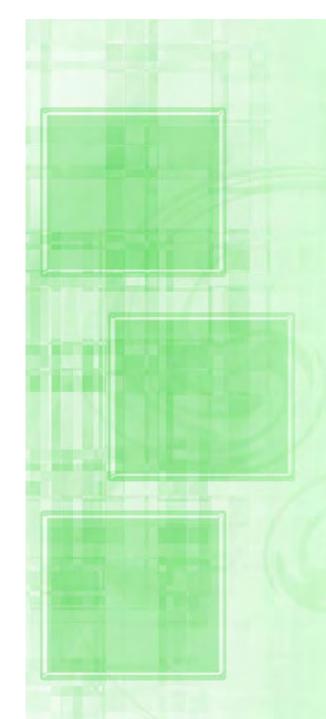
Family in the Romanian context Children

- The communist party had a policy that determined families to have many children, the most important was the prohibition of abortion
- One of the first regulations of the 1989 Revolution was the abrogation of that law
- The decrease of birth rates in Romania because of the fact that families had fewer children, not because they decided to have no children at all (Ghebrea, 2000).
- Families focus their attention and resources on properly raising and educating children (Voinea, 2005)



Family in the Romanian context Marriage

- Before the revolution people got married because they had to (financial advantages), now the main reason is feelings (Ghebrea 2000).
- Marriage has 4 characteristics:
 - Is universal
 - People tend to get married young,
 - Few people choose not to get married at all
 - People tend to stay married (small divorce rates)
- After the Revolution new family forms started to develop (concubinage, single-parent families etc.)



Family in the Romanian context Divorce

- Divorce rates are relatively low (Mitrofan & Ciuperca, 1998) but have a constantly increasing tendency, especially after 2000
- Change of mentality divorce is not seen so negatively any more (Ilut, 1995).

Religion is another factor that moderated the growth of divorce rates

	1100
Year	Divorces for 1,000
	people
1985	1.43‰
1989	1.46‰
1996	1.57‰
2000	1.37‰
2004	1.62‰
2007	1.69‰

Table 3

The present study

Objective:

•To investigate the social representations of current, future and ideal family of the Romanian family

Method:

- •We used a multi-methodological approach, a questionnaire that included: associative network tasks (deRosa, 1995), hand drawing tasks, and Faces III.
- •We have also included Zimbardo Time Perspective Inventory (ZTPI) and general questions about our subjects and their relation with their family.

Participants

•130 subjects, 63 male and 67 female, ages 23 to 30, who still live with their parents

Hypothesis

- 1. Given the fact that the average age at which people get married is increasing, we expect the children component to be neglected in the representation of the current family of young Romanians.
- 2. Taking into account that in Romania the most frequent type of family is the core family, we expect it to be frequently referred to in the social representation of the ideal and future family.
- 3. Considering the numerous financial impediments that young Romanian people have to face when they want to start a family we expect to find differences between the representation of the ideal and future family.

Hypothesis

- 4. Given the changes that redefined family in the last 50 years we also expect to find new forms of family relations and organization.
- 5. Taking into consideration that our culture is traditional, we expect to find a stronger homogeneity in the social representation of the ideal family compared to the current and future family.
- 6. Given the fact that the most frequent family in Romania is the core family with one or two children we expect that in the social representation of the future people will also represent one or two children.

Subject 1 – Current family

UTILIZÂND TOT SPAȚIUL DISPONIBIL, VĂ RUGĂM:

a) SĂ DESENAȚI FAMILIA DVS. AȘA CUM ESTE ACUM;
b) SĂ INDICAȚI CE LEGĂTURĂ DE FAMILIE ARE FIECARE PERSOANĂ DESENATĂ CU DVS.



Imaginați-vă că sunteți un poștaș și aveți de transmis un mesaj important adresat întregii familii și/sau membrilor săi. Scrieți mesajul dvs.

Destinatar		Mesajul meu
Jata	Fi mai calma!	
Mama	Fi mai salma!	
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Subject 1 - Future family

UTILIZÂND TOT SPAȚIUL DISPONIBIL, VĂ RUGĂM: a) SĂ DESENAȚI FAMILIA DVS. AȘA CUM VĂ IMAGINAȚI CĂ VA FI; b) SĂ INDICAȚI CE LEGĂTURĂ DE FAMILIE ARE FIECARE PERSOANĂ DESENATĂ CU DVS.



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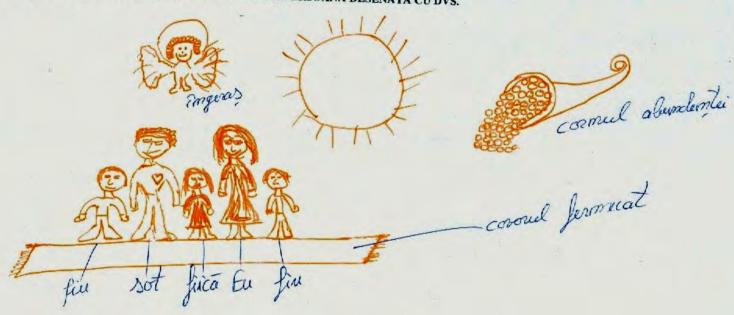
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Subject 1 - Ideal family

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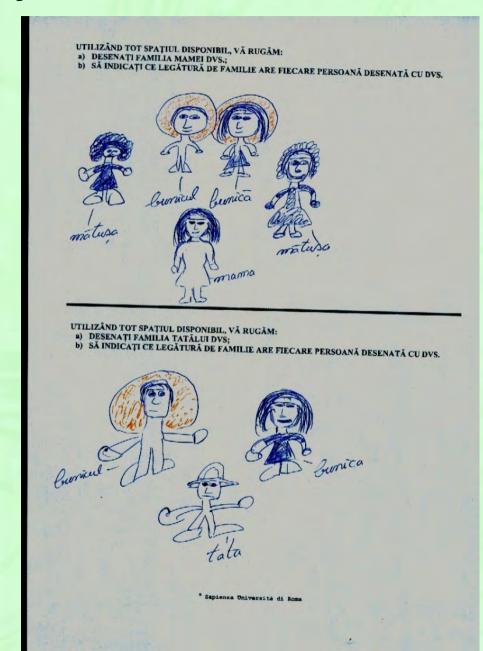
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Subject 1 – Parents' families



Subject 2 – Current family

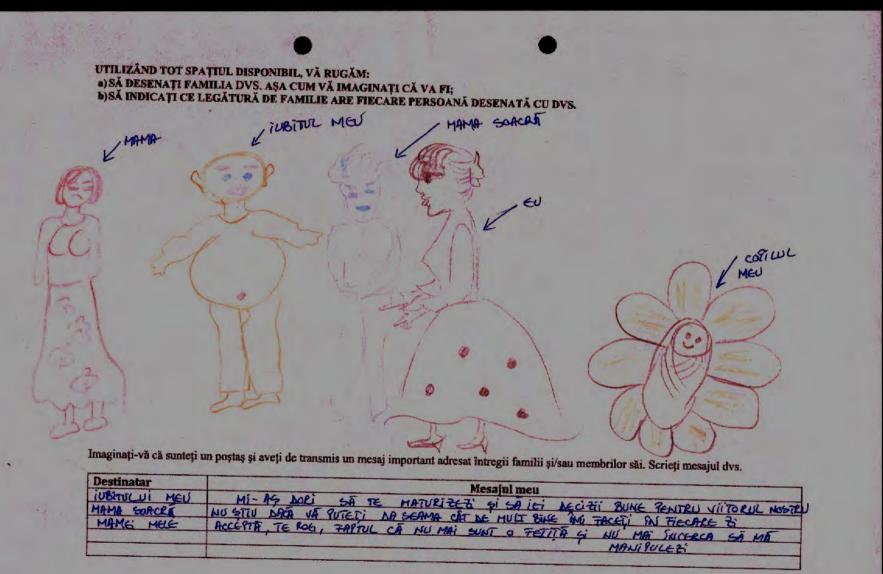
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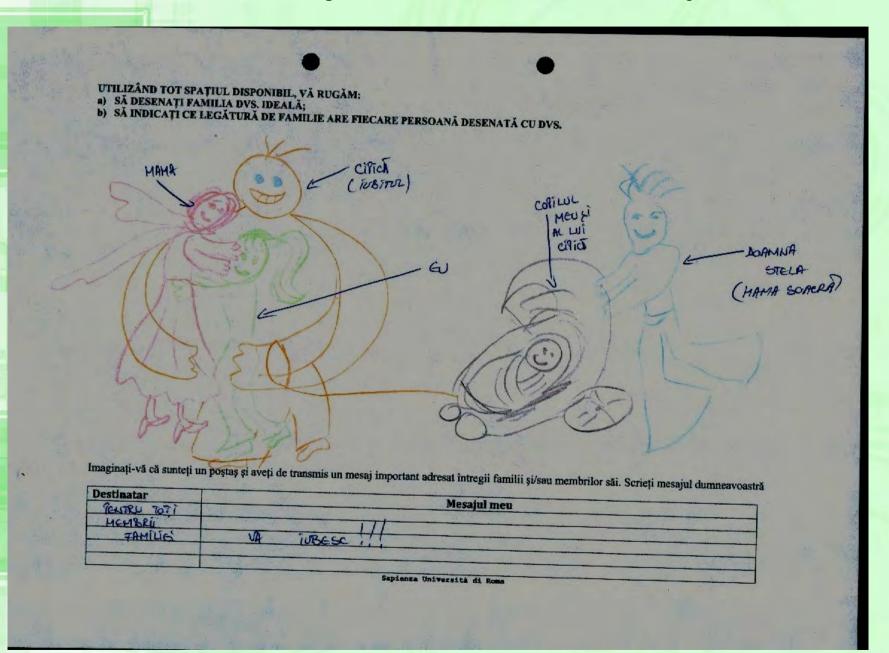
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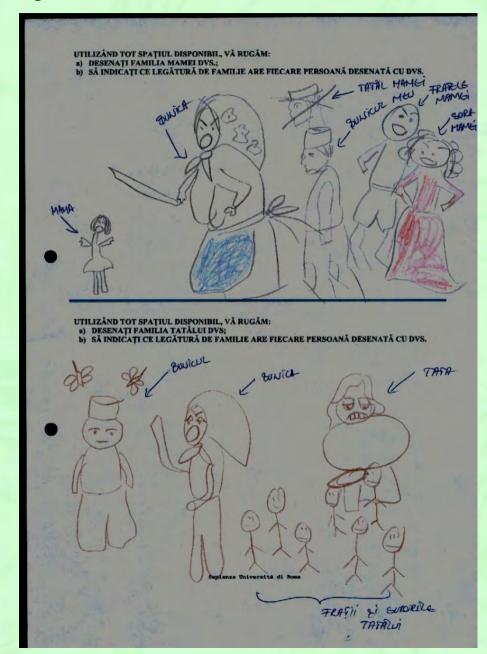
Subject 2 – Future family

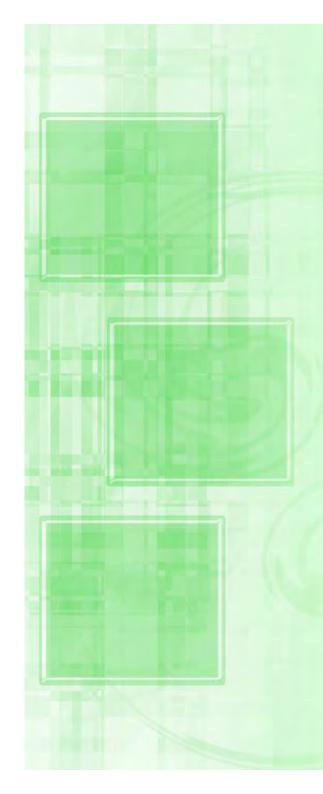


Subject 2 – Ideal family



Subject 2 – Parents' families





Subject 3 – Current family

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Subject 3 – Future family

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Subject 3 – Ideal family

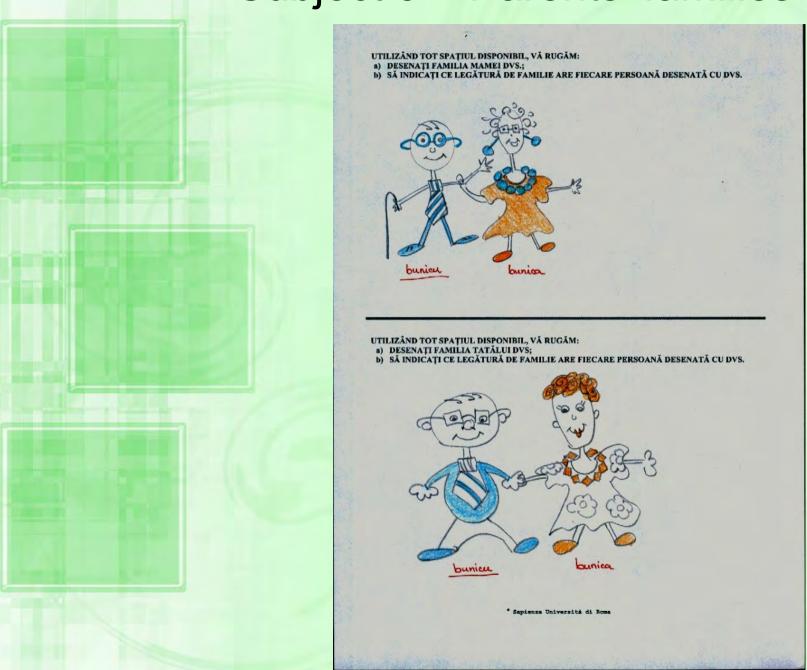
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Subject 3 – Parents' families



Subject 4 – Current family

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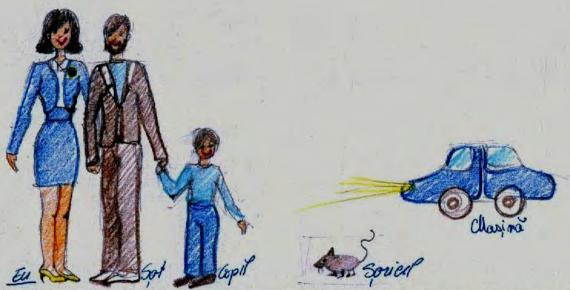
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Subject 4 – Future family

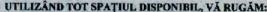
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Subject 4 – Ideal family



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Subject 4 –Parents' families

